

The 104th Congress acknowledges the many achievements of Jerrel Smith. We thank him for his continuing contributions to the development of effective national policies—and wish him best of luck in his new endeavors.

**SALUTING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

**HON. LOUIS STOKES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 1995*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we pay tribute to the 75th anniversary of one of the most steadfast and respected political organizations in the Nation, the League of Women Voters. Today, as we mark this historic event, we recognize the contributions of this distinguished organization.

Since its founding in 1920, the League of Women Voters has been on the national forefront of voter education. Their Presidential debates have become center stage for Presidential campaigns, and their informative voter guides impact every election, including those at the city government level.

In my congressional district, the League of Women Voters has dutifully served not only their members, but the population as a whole through informative debates and other voter activities that have become their hallmark. Under the leadership of Miss Belle Sherwin, who served as the national president of the League between 1924–34, the Cleveland League adopted "Every Woman An Intelligent Voter" as the spirit that lead their charge through these 75 years. The League developed get-out-the-vote campaigns, voting booth improvements, and objective questionnaires that have become models for the rest of the country.

Since its inception, the League of Women Voters of Cleveland has been the epitome of civic-mindedness, fighting for issues that are important to a majority of voters. The minimum wage, which they sought in 1918, was an early success before they tackled other issues, such as child labor laws and school attendance requirements. The league has advocated reforms in juvenile justice, advocated a smaller and more effective city government, and even devised a fair system of jury selection.

More recently, the league advocated the creation of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and supported a one-cent sales tax to support this transit system. They also worked with other civic groups that brought about an All-American City designation for Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker, one of the League of Women's Voters crowning achievements was the establishment of an educational fund that works for the education of all voters on pertinent matters, mainly through town hall forums. Starting in 1972, the forums have explored topics such as educational improvement, energy, hazardous waste, the judiciary, and taxes, just to name a few. This educational fund has become a valuable vehicle for enlightened debate and investigation of issues. Today, I salute the League of Women Voters of Cleveland and the fine work of its current president,

Ms. Sharon Glaspie. I am proud to share a close working relationship with the Cleveland League and surrounding chapters.

Mr. Speaker, the 150,000 members of the league must be recognized on their 75th anniversary for the good they have done in educating voters and illuminating the political issues facing our country. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the League of Women Voters.

**TRIBUTE TO GLEN F. TOALSON**

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 1995*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to Glen F. Toalson of Osceola, MO who recently passed away. Born in Osceola in 1920, Toalson served as mayor of his hometown from 1969 to 1979.

Educated at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, GA from 1933 until 1938, Toalson went on to attend Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA from 1938 to 1941. He served as an Army officer in World War II. After the war he became an independent insurance agent and subsequently an oil jobber.

A devoted husband and father he is survived by two sons and three grandchildren. I urge my colleagues to join me in sending sympathy to his entire family.

**TRIBUTE TO RICH HUGHES**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 1995*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Rich Hughes, an outstanding citizen who has provided invaluable professional service to hundreds of cities, counties and municipalities and who was recently elected by his community to serve on the Sea Ranch Board of Directors.

Rich Hughes is a founding partner of Hughes, Perry and Associates, a consulting firm which has to date served over 750 city, county and special district agencies. His great skill and professional expertise have made him a respected consultant to local community leaders on a host of difficult management, planning and fiscal issues. He is regarded by his clients and his colleagues as the best in this field.

Rich Hughes is also an outstanding leader in the Sea Ranch community. Sea Ranch lies on 10 miles of pristine Sonoma Coastline 110 miles north of San Francisco. The community was founded in 1965 and has received numerous planning, environmental and architectural awards. It has an international reputation and has been studied by architects and planners throughout the world. Rich Hughes now serves on the Sea Ranch Board of Directors and formerly served as Chairperson of the Long Range Planning and Security Committees. His leadership and consensus-building skills were instrumental in the effort he spearheaded to design and construct a new community center which was approved by his colleagues on the Board.

Mr. Speaker, Rich Hughes is an extraordinary leader and devoted community servant. I'm proud of his professionalism and commitment to making a community work well and privileged to call him my friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting him on the recent occasion of his being elected to the Sea Ranch Board and for all the good he has chosen to do with his life.

**FLINT CREEK PROJECT**

**HON. PAT WILLIAMS**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 1995*

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing legislation which will enable Granite County, MT to assume operation of the Flint Creek hydroelectric project.

I have worked for more than a year now with folks in Granite County in support of their efforts to take over operation of the 1.1 megawatt Flint Creek hydroelectric project. The current licensee, the Montana Power Co., wants to surrender its license to run the project.

The company has good reasons to want out. The dam has deteriorated some and requires major repairs estimated at \$2 million. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has more than tripled the annual Federal charges which must be paid when a reservoir occupies federally owned lands. And the drought conditions which have prevailed over the past decade have greatly reduced power revenue from the project.

The simple fact is that FERC has priced this facility out of the market; in fact, Flint Creek Dam has the highest rental cost per kilowatt hour of any project surveyed by the Energy Information Agency.

My bill makes it possible for the citizens of Granite County to operate the dam and use the revenues for public purposes as the county government sees fit.

Granite County filed an application with FERC in 1991 to run the project. The County has worked with recreationists, State and Federal wildlife and land managers, and others to develop an operating plan which has broad support. They've completed an environmental impact statement on a proposed operating plan.

The county's requests to FERC for relief from the high annual charges have been denied. Without action by the Congress, it seems certain that the project will be abandoned. In that event the project will generate zero revenues to the Federal Government and ultimately will become an albatross around the neck of its owner. Passage of my bill will assure both continuing power production, Federal revenues, and local revenues in a part of Montana that seriously needs the boost.

Folks in Granite County understand that Congress is unlikely to approve a full waiver of Federal fees, as they originally sought. I am submitting, with the support of the county, a moderate proposal which provides enough short term relief to assure that the repairs are made, while instituting a more realistic annual fee of \$20,000 per year beginning in year six following the assumption of management duties.